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Annual Report
On the Health of the
Borough of Newport,
Isle of Wight,
for the year 1939

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PRESENTED TO THE CORPORATION
THROUGH THEIR COMMITTEE,
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ANNUAL REPORT
ON THE
HEALTH OF THE URBAN SANITARY AUTHORITY
OF
NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT.

County Hall,
Newport, I.W.,
October, 1940.

*To the Urban Sanitary Authority, the Town Council of
the Borough of Newport, Isle of Wight.*

MR. MAYOR, LADY AND GENTLEMEN,

Circular 1961 of the Ministry of Health of the 16th February, 1940, which is a guide as to the contents and arrangement of the Medical Officer of Health's Annual Report, suggests that during the period of the war reports should be curtailed. A further circular 2067 dated the 19th July, urges the necessity for further curtailment of these reports and suggests that only interim reports should be made. For this reason this present report is composed mainly of statistical tables.

I am, Mr. Mayor, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. S. WALLACE,
Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.**GENERAL STATISTICS.**

Area (in acres)	15,530
Population (estimated 1939)	20,050A*
	20,170B*
Number of Inhabited Houses (end of 1939) per rate books	5,194
Rateable Value	£131,456
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£523

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

	Total	Male	Female
Live Births—			
Legitimate ...	266	144	122
Illegitimate ...	17	13	4
Birth Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population	14.1		
Still Births—			
Legitimate ...	8	4	4
Illegitimate ...	—	—	—
Rate per 1000 total (live and still) births	...	...	27.5
Deaths	229	121	108
Death Rate per 1000 of the estimated resident population	11.4		
Death from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child- birth :—			
Rate per 1000 total (live and still births)			Deaths
From Puerperal Sepsis ...	...	Nil	
From other puerperal causes ...	...	Nil	
Total ...	...	Nil	
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—			
All Infants per 1000 live births ... ...	...	...	34.7
Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births			33.2
Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births ... ... ... ...	...	...	58.8
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ... ...	...	...	33
Deaths from Measles (all ages) ... ...	...	...	Nil
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages) ...	...	...	1
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...	...	...	2

*(A—for calculating birth rates)
*(B—for calculating death rates)

BIRTHS.

There were 291 births in the Borough during the year, viz.: 161 males and 130 females. Of these 13 males and 4 females were illegitimate. This gives a birth rate of 14.5 per 1000 living ; the birth rate for England and Wales being 15.6.

DEATHS.

The total number of deaths after allowing for inward and outward transfers was 229. This gives a crude death rate of 11.4 per 1000 of the estimated resident population. The Registrar General publishes a comparability factor of 0.81, and if this is used it gives a comparative death rate of 9.2, the death rate for England and Wales being 12.1.

INFANT MORTALITY.

The number of deaths under one year was 10. This gives an infantile mortality rate of 34.7 per 1000 registered live births ; the rate for England and Wales generally was 50.

SECTION D.

HOUSING.

The war has considerably curtailed the housing activities of the Borough and on the outbreak of hostilities building operations on houses which were being erected for slum clearance and overcrowding were temporarily discontinued.

Only 272 houses were inspected under the Housing and Public Health Acts and of these 49 were found unfit.

Eleven statutory notices were issued under the above Acts.

SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

	<i>Beasts</i>	<i>Calves</i>	<i>Sheep</i>	<i>Pigs</i>
Number inspected ...	342	347	459	4459
All diseases ex. T.B. whole carcasses con- demned	2	1	1	21
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	7	1	4	17
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than T.B.	2.66	.57	1.08	.84
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses con- demned	35	1	—	9
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	—	—	471
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	13.45	.28	—	10.76
	<i>Tons.</i>	<i>Cwt.</i>	<i>Qrs.</i>	<i>Lbs.</i>
Total meat condemned	13	4	2	11
Other Foodstuffs ...	—	7	0	8
Total ...	13	11	2	19

SECTION F.

NON-NOTIFIABLE INFECTIOUS DISEASES OCCURRING IN SCHOOLS.

Mumps	64
*Measles	2
Chicken Pox	93
Whooping Cough		23
German Measles		1
Scabies	1
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			184	

*Made notifiable in October, 1939.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (Other than Tuberculosis)
DURING THE YEAR 1939.

<i>Disease</i>	<i>Total cases Notified</i>	<i>Cases admitted to Hospital</i>		<i>Total Deaths</i>
		<i>Notified</i>	<i>Hospital</i>	
Smallpox	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever ...	28	24	—	—
Diphtheria	2	2	—	—
Enteric Fever (including Paratyphoid)	1	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	6	4	—	1*
Pneumonia	9	3	—	5
Ophthalmia	—	—	—	—
Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—
Other Diseases generally notifiable :—	—	—	—	—
<i>Erysipelas</i>	12	—	—	—
<i>Encephalitis Lethargica</i>	2	2	—	1
<i>Poliomyelitis</i>	—	—	—	—
<i>Cerebro Spinal Meningitis</i>	1	1	—	—
Other Diseases Notifiable locally ...	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough† ...	1	—	—	—
	62	37	—	7

* Death transferred away.

† Notifiable in this area from October, 1939.

AGE AT DATE OF NOTIFICATION.

Age.					Scarlet Fever						
					Diphtheria						
					Puerperal Pyrexia						
Under 1											
1 and under 2											
2 „ „ 3				1							
3 „ „ 4			4								
4 „ „ 5											
5 „ „ 10		17									
10 „ „ 15											
15 „ „ 20		2									
20 „ „ 35			1								
35 „ „ 45											
45 „ „ 65			6								
65 and over											
	28	2	6	9	12	1	2	—	1	1	

OPHTHALMIA NEONATORUM.

Notified	CASES		Vision Un-impaired	Vision Impaired	Total Blindness	Deaths				
	TREATED									
	At Home	In Hospital								
—	—	—	—	—	—	—				

TUBERCULOSIS, 1939.

AGE PERIODS	Totals	New Cases.				Totals	Deaths.				
		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary			Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		
		M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
0 and under 1	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
1 „ „ 5	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	
5 „ „ 10	2	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
10 „ „ 15	2	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	
15 „ „ 20	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
20 „ „ 25	8	6	2	—	—	2	1	—	—	1	
25 „ „ 35	8	3	5	—	—	2	—	2	—	—	
35 „ „ 45	5	4	—	—	1	1	1	—	—	—	
45 „ „ 55	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
55 „ „ 65	3	1	1	—	1	3	1	1	—	1	
65 and over	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
Totals	... 32	17	10	3	2	9	3	3	1	2	

